

**Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111,
Department of Texas
Meeting**

1 September 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1904L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Steve Kennedy, Vice-Commander – Present

Gary Smith, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Unexcused

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Excused

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Excused

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Unexcused

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Present

Officers Present: 7

Other voting members present: 4

Jan Cloud

Tommy Sorrell

Sandy Hudson

Pat McEnroe

Total voting members present 11

Guests Present: 0

SAL 2

Joe O’Neal

Joe Trevino

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 13

Opening ceremonies were held. The Commander gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of The American Legion Creed.

A quorum of members was present.

SAL Commander Joe O’Neal and SAL member Joe Trevino were introduced as guests in attendance.

A motion by Ed Jones was made to waive the reading of the August minutes. The motion was

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seconded by Luis Santana. No corrections were noted. A vote was called and the motion carried. The minutes will be published as written.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Finance Report: Pat Sansom presented the Finance Report for August. Due to the installation of a newer version of Quick Books, Pat Sansom could not say with certainty that the report was 100% accurate, but that it was not far off. Pat will correct the installation problems and provide corrections no later than the next meeting. The Commander presented financial plan that would provide the Post with a 10 year loan of \$50,000 at 8% simple interest with no prepayment penalties. The plan would allow the Post to payoff the existing mortgage, reduce the monthly payment by almost \$300, and provide extra operating capital. The Commander asked the membership to accept his finance plan and allow him to move forward with the loan process. The motion to accept the plan was made by Ed Jones and seconded by Sandy Hudson. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Vice Commander Steve Kennedy gave the Membership report. The Post's 2011 membership goal has been set at 133 by the Department and our 2011 membership is currently 79 putting the Post at 59.4% of goal. The Post is in 2nd place in the District at this time. The Commander challenged each member present to recruit at least 1 new member over the next month. This is a good start for the new membership year.

Judge Advocate Report: No report available. However, Gary Smith has received a signed copy of the ALR By-Laws for the Post's record and has written a Post Operating Procedure covering the ALR and By-Laws to be voted on by the membership.

Service Officer Report: No report available, but the SO is following up on a request for VA assistance by a non-member veteran.

Trustee Report: No report available.

Webmaster Report: Gary Smith stated that the National Convention is in process and that we should know if the Post won a website award within a week or so. Both PCs in the office needed their operating system replaced and one needed the hard drive replaced. Thanks to Ed Jones for providing the new operating system licenses and the hard drive. Gary Smith loaded all the updates and installed an updated version of Quick Books. The DSL modem also had to be replaced. Thanks to the TNCF and Gary Poplin for providing the majority of the funds to replace the modem. It was also noted that the District's website was now completed and that it contains information about all the Posts within the District and also has information on activities the other Posts are having.

Building Report: The Commander stated that paint and materials are available for painting and repairing rooms. As such, volunteers are needed to help with the repair and other activities such as building the bar.

Sick Call Report: Gary Poplin's sister-in-law ill. Jerry Adams is ill. Jim Swafford's sister-in-law is ill. We pray that all have a quick recovery.

Unfinished Business:

- Jimmie Ruth White, representing Country Day on the Hill, stated that the Post's parade entry fee will be waived for all vehicles. She also believed she could find a space to park 2 motorcycles near the Post's booth. Joe O'Neal will provide an estimate of the number of Riders that will participate in the parade in 2 weeks. A bicycle for the SAL raffle was donated by Walmart and a second bicycle was purchased by the SAL. The SAL has organized a raffle that will have as 1st prize approximately \$1000 in food by many of the local restaurants, etc. 2nd prize will be a 32" flat screen TV, and 3rd prize will be the two bicycles. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Many thanks to the SAL for their participation and efforts. Tickets are expected to be created and available within a couple of weeks. Members were encouraged to make an all out effort to help sell the tickets.
- The Commander plans to have a Gentlemen's Night on September 8 at 6:00 pm. Cards and darts will be available for entertainment. The Gentleman's Nights are planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Gary Smith was thanked for his loan of a dart board and scoring plaques.
- SA LeJune will obtain a beer/wine license.
- Gary Smith wrote Operations Policy OP02, outlining the operating procedures for the ALR. A motion by SA LeJune to accept the new Operations Policy as written. Pat Sansom seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

New Business:

- Gary Smith provided the latest news regarding specific federal and state legislation that is being tracked by The American Legion. No federal Bills were passed during the last 2 months. However, 4 Resolutions were passed. Details can be found on the Post's website.

For the Good of Legion:

- The Commander announced that Executive Committee meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

The closing prayer was given by Steve Kennedy.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2022L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____